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1. NIMETZ VISIT (STATE 216713). IF AIM OF VISIT IS DIRECT DIALOGUE WITH CEAUSESCU, CHANCES OF GETTING APPOINTMENT WILL CERTAINLY BE ENHANCED BY "PRESIDENTIAL" COMMISSION. YOU MUST ALSO BE AWARE THAT ROMANIANS MAY REMEMBER THAT PRIME MINISTER MANESCU COULD NOT BE RECEIVED BY PRESIDENT CARTER. AT SAME TIME, WE BELIEVE IT WILL HELP PROSPECTS A GREAT DEAL IF COUNSELOR COMES PREPARED TO BRIEF CEAUSESCU (OR ANDREI) IN DETAIL ON ME NEGOTIATIONS, INCLUDING IF POSSIBLE RESULTS OF CAMP DAVID MEETING, AS FOLLOWUP TO CARTER-CEAUSESCU MESSAGE AMBASSADOR GAVE ANDREI LAST WEEK. WE REALIZE PROVIDING HIM SUCH MATERIAL WILL REQUIRE SOME FANCY COMMUNICATIONS FOOTWORK, GIVEN TIMING, BUT ARE CONVINCED IT WOULD BE WORTH IT, ESPECIALLY AT THIS PARTICULAR TIME.

2. NIMETZ VISIT (CONTINUED). ASSUMING VISIT WILL NOT BEGIN UNTIL SEPTEMBER 8, AMBASSADOR IS GOING AHEAD WITH ONCE-PROPOSED INVITATIONAL SCREENING OF "JULIA" ON SEPTEMBER 5. INCIDENTALLY, ANDREI ASKED AMBASSADOR EARLIER TODAY (AUGUST 28) WHETHER NIMETZ WAS COMING, AND GOT REPLY THAT WE HOPE TO HAVE SOME NEWS IN NEXT FEW DAYS.
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3. MOST FAVORED NATION (MFN). A QUESTION HAS COME UP CONCERNING THE DATE ON WHICH MFN FOR ROMANIA WAS ORIGINALLY GIVEN AND CONSEQUENTLY EXTENDED ON AN ANNUAL BASIS. WE NOTE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE'S REPORT ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY DATED JUNE 28, 1978, THAT MFN WILL BE "EXTENDED FOR A 12-MONTH PERIOD BEGINNING JULY 3, 1978, UNLESS BY

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SEPTEMBER 1 THE HOUSE OR SENATE ADOPTS A RESOLUTION DISAPPROVING THE EXTENSION." QUITE FRANKLY, WE HAVE ASSUMED THAT THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF EXTENSION WOULD BE AUGUST 3, SINCE THAT COINCIDES WITH THE DATE ON WHICH THE US-ROMANIAN TRADE AGREEMENT CAME INTO EFFECT. ANY CLARIFICATION AT THIS POINT WHICH YOU COULD PROVIDE WOULD BE HELPFUL. IN ANY EVENT, WE ASSUME THAT, AS REPORTED IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PUBLICATION CITED, AS WELL AS IN YOUR O-I OF JULY 20, THAT THE LEGISLATIVE DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 1 AND THAT THE DEADLINE STILL HOLDS.

4. TRADE ACT OF 1974. THE EMBASSY'S SINGLE COPY OF THE TRADE ACT OF 1974 HAS DISAPPEARED. WE REQUEST THAT SEVERAL COPIES BE DISPATCHED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOR THE ATTENTION OF SANDERS.
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